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Question 7

(a)

accept_Offer.m

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function [acceptedX,n] = accept_Offer(J,K,L)
    % Create a list of random permutation of numbers from 1 to J
    offer = randperm(J);
    % The first Kth offers are rejected
    rejectOffer = offer(1:K);
    % sort the rejectOffer in ascending order
    rejectOffer_sorted = sort(rejectOffer);
    % Select the L-th best offer
    bestL = rejectOffer_sorted(L);
    for i = K+1:J
        % If found  $X_i$  such that  $X_i < X_0$ , end the loop
        if (offer(i) < bestL)
            % Record the accepted offer  $X_i$  and the value of i
            acceptedX = offer(i);
            n = i;
            return;
        end
    end
    % If the loop did not end early, I will accept the last offer J
    acceptedX = offer(J);
    n = J;
end
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(b)

pmf_of_rank.m

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% Plot the pmf of ranks
function [] = pmf_of_rank(J,K,L,N)
    % Initialization
    accepted_rank = zeros(1,N);
    % Record the accepted rank value, the return time N is useless here
    for i=1:N
        [accepted_rank(i), tmp] = accept_offer(J,K,L);
    end

    [freq, bin] = hist(accepted_rank,J);
    pmfList=freq/N;
    bar(1:J,pmfList);
    xlabel('x');ylabel('pmf');title('N = ' + string(N) + ', L = ' + string(L)); ylim
end

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problem7b.m

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clear all;

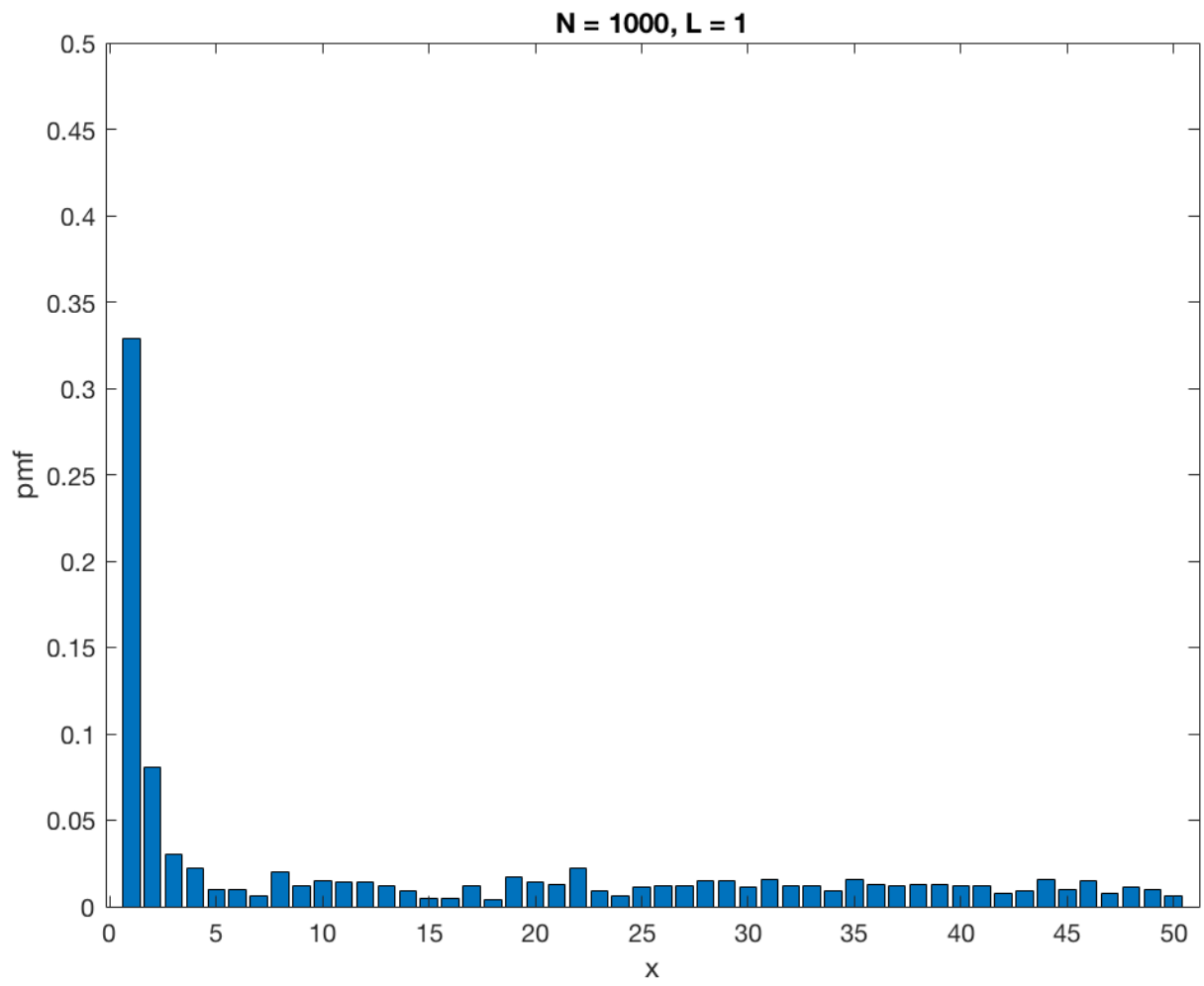
% Set the value of J, K, L, N
J=50; K=30; L=1; N = 1000;

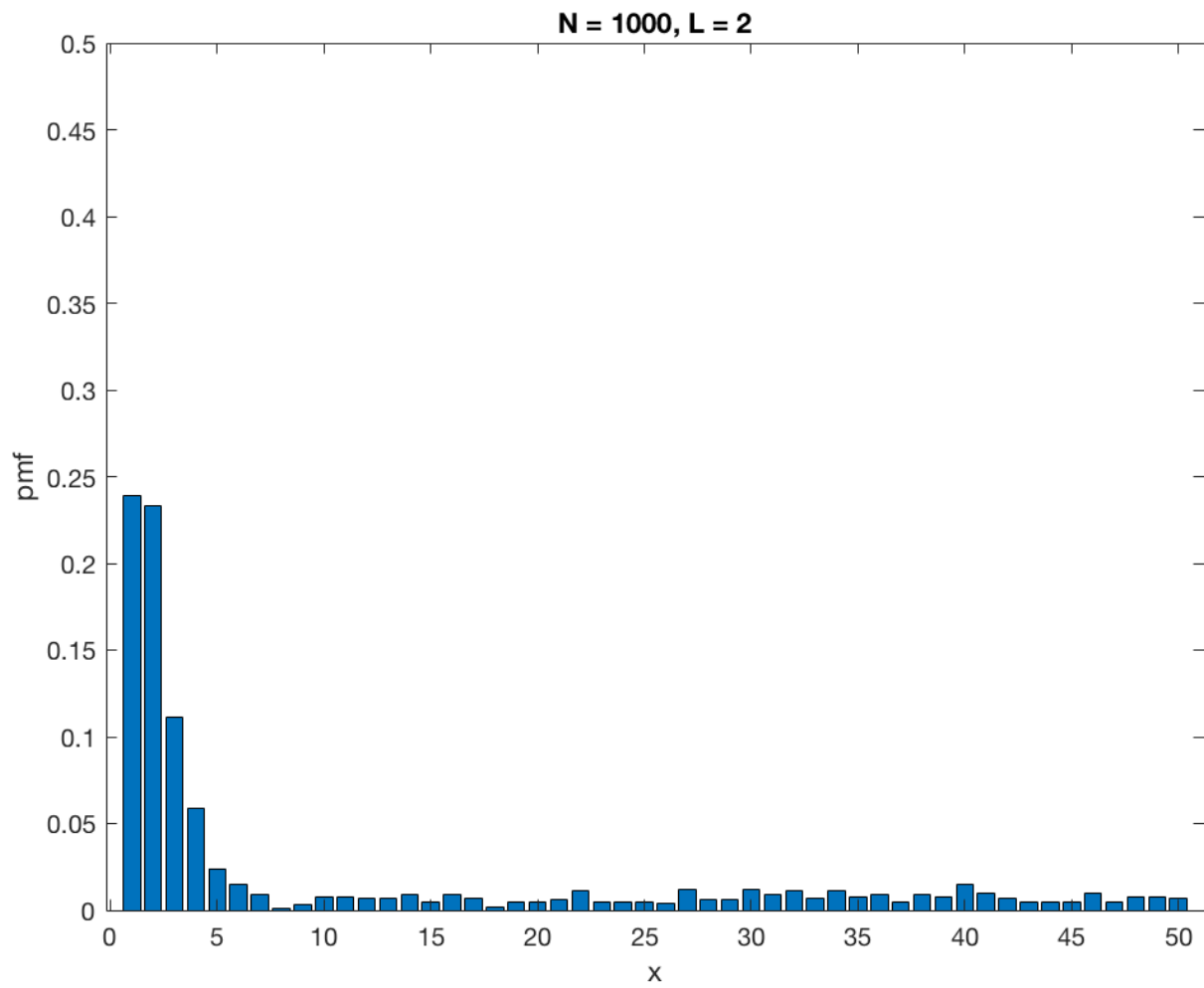
figure()
pmf_of_rank(J,K,L,N)

% Set the value of J, K, L
J=50; K=30; L=2; N = 1000;

figure()
pmf_of_rank(J,K,L,N)

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(c)

prob_1_versus_K.m

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function []=prob_1_versus_K(J,L)
    N=1000;
    kList = L:J-1;
    prob_of_rank_1 = zeros(1,J-L);
    kIndex = 1;
    for K=kList
        % Initialization
        accepted_rank = zeros(1,N);
        % Record the accepted rank value, the return time N is useless here
        for i=1:N
            [accepte_rank(i),tmp] = accept_Offer(J,K,L);
        end
        [freq, bin] = hist(accepte_rank,J);
        pmf_vector = freq/N;
        prob_of_rank_1(1,kIndex) = pmf_vector(1,1);
        kIndex = kIndex + 1;
    end
    % Plot histogram
    bar(kList,prob_of_rank_1)
    xlabel('K');ylabel('P(X) = 1');
    title('P(X) = 1 for different K, J = ' + string(J) + ', L = ' + string(L) + ', N = ' + string(N));
    axis([0,J,0,0.5])
end

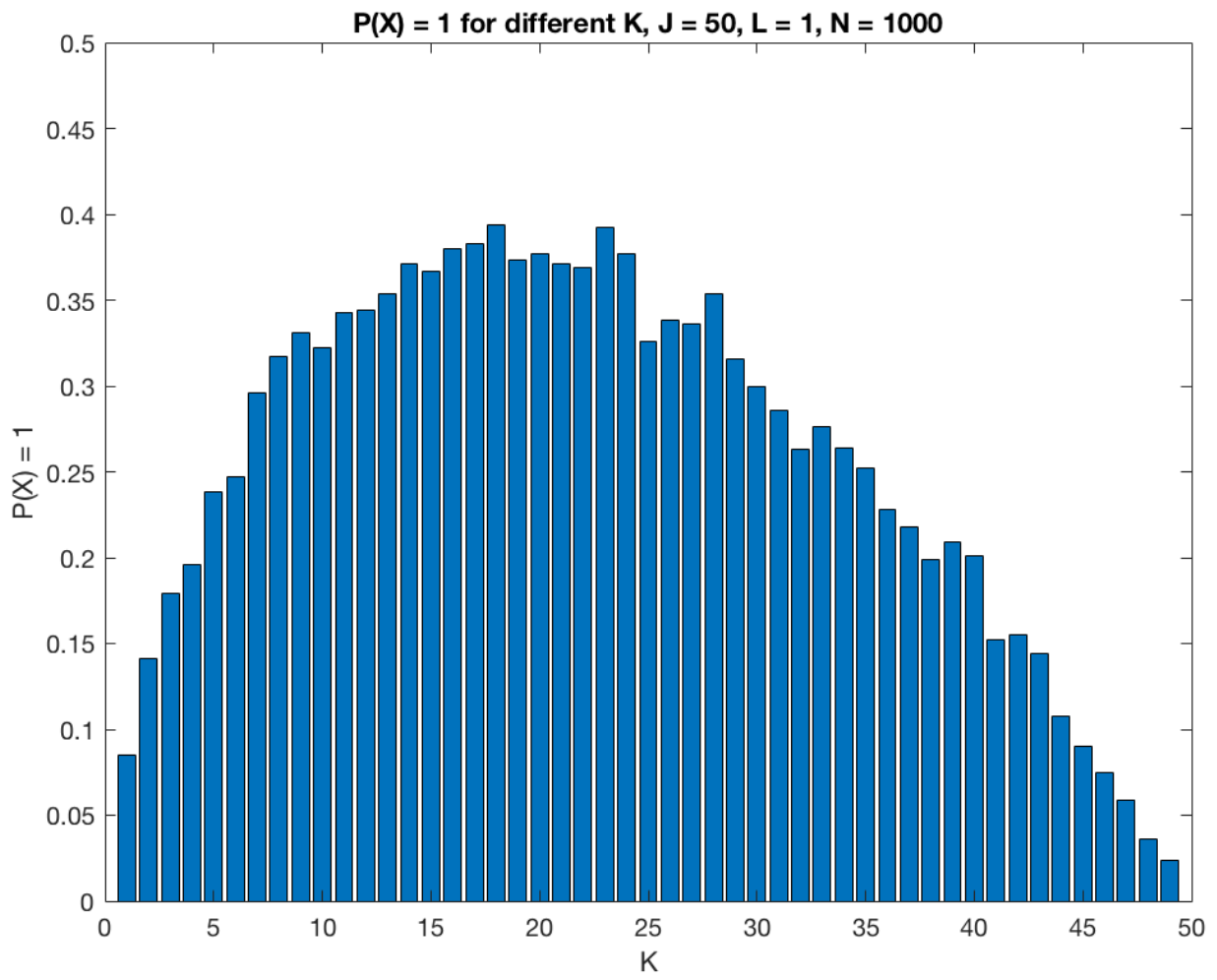
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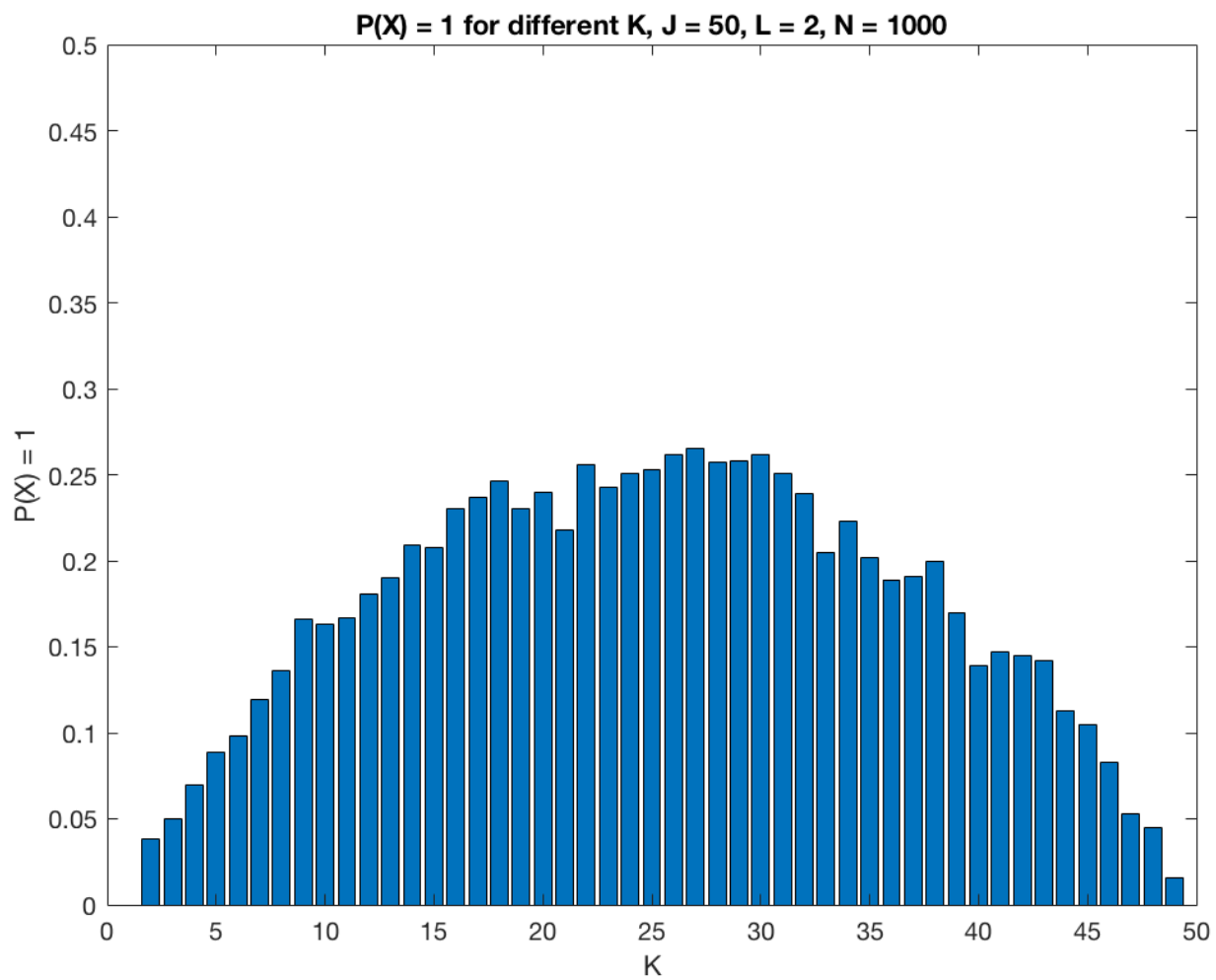
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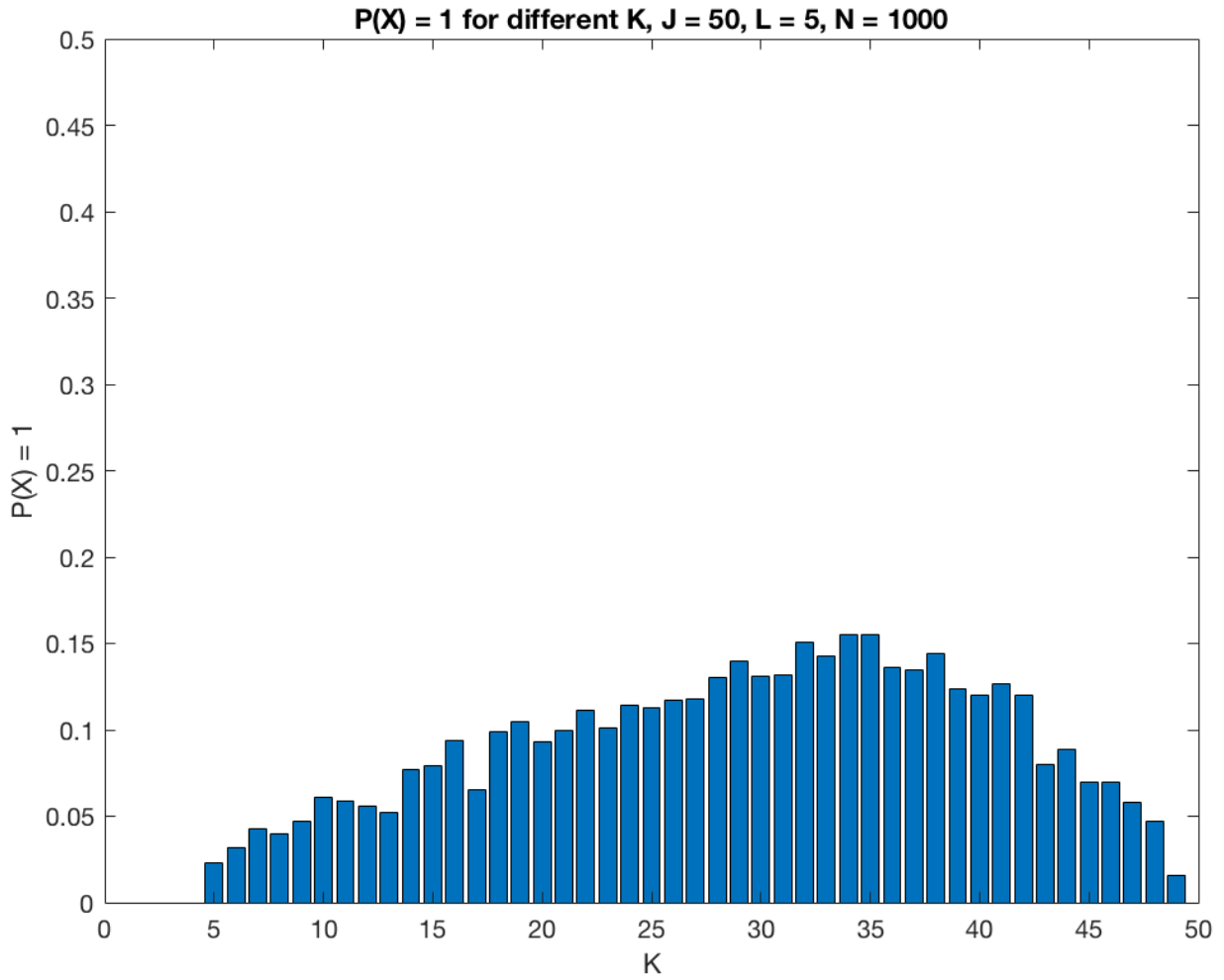
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clear all;
% fix J
J=50;
for L=[1 2 5]
    figure()
    prob_1_versus_K(J,L)
end

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(d)

As defined in the problem, $P[X = X_J]$ can be represented by the following

$$P[X = X_J] = P[X_0 = 1 \cup X_0 = 2 \cap X_J = 1] = P[X_0 = 1] + P[X_0 = 2 \cap X_J = 1]$$

$$\because P[X_0 = 1] = \frac{K}{J}$$

$$\because P[X_0 = 2 \cap X_J = 1] = P[X_0 = 2, X_J = 1]$$

$$= P[X_0 = 2 | X_J = 1] P[X_J = 1]$$

$$= \frac{K}{J-1} \cdot \frac{1}{J}$$

$$\therefore P[X = X_J] = \frac{K}{J} + \frac{K}{J-1} \cdot \frac{1}{J}$$

(e)

$$P[X = 1] = \sum_{n=1}^J P[X = 1|X_n = 1]P[X_n = 1] = \sum_{n=1}^J P[X = 1|X_n = 1] \cdot \frac{1}{J}$$

\therefore If the first offer locates among the first K offers, it would not be accepted (Defined in the question)

$$\therefore P[X = 1|X_n = 1] = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 \leq n \leq K \\ P[X = 1|X_n = 1], & n \geq K + 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore P[X = 1] = \frac{1}{J} \cdot \sum_{n=K+1}^J P[X = 1|X_n = 1]$$

$\therefore X_n = 1$ can only happen if the previous $K + 1, \dots, n - 1$ offers are all smaller than X_0 , which happens with probability $\frac{K}{n-1}$

$$\therefore P[X = 1] = \frac{1}{J} \cdot \sum_{n=K+1}^J \frac{K}{n-1} = \frac{K}{J} \cdot \sum_{n=K+1}^J \frac{1}{n-1}$$

(f)

$$\sum_{n=K+1}^J \frac{1}{n-1} \approx \int_K^{J-1} \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln \frac{J-1}{K}$$

Because in our problem set, J is far greater than 1, therefore $\ln \frac{J-1}{K} \approx \ln \frac{J}{K}$

$$\text{So we now have } P[X = 1] = \frac{K}{J} \cdot \ln \frac{J}{K}$$

Take the derivative respect to K to find the maximum value of K :

$$\frac{d}{dK} P[X = 1] \approx \frac{K}{J} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{J}{K}\right) \frac{d}{dK}$$

$$= \frac{1}{J} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{J}{K}\right) - \frac{K}{J} \cdot \left(\frac{K}{J} \cdot \frac{J}{K^2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{J} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{J}{K}\right) - \frac{1}{J} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow K = \frac{J}{e}$$

Take $K = \frac{J}{e}$ back to the equation:

$$P[X = 1] = \frac{K}{J} \cdot \ln \frac{J}{K} = \frac{1}{e} \cdot 1 \approx 0.37$$